

Remarks

Please consider the following remarks.

Claims 1-16, and 18-48 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 7, 11, 15-16, 18, 22, 26, 30-36, 40, 43, and 46-48 have been canceled. Claims 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44, and 45 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the instant application.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yuino. Claim 1 has been canceled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yuino in view of Sakai. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 7 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yuino, in view of Neumann. Claims 7 and 11 have been canceled.

The Examiner has rejected claim 15-16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yuino, in view of Lewis. Claims 15-16 and 18 have been canceled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 22 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yuino, in view of Lewis and Neunann. Claims 22 and 26 have been canceled.



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Claims 30-33, 35 and 36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakai in view of Lewis. Claims 30-33, 35 and 36 have been canceled.

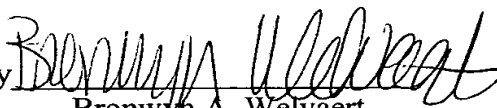
The Examiner has rejected claim 34 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakai in view of Lewis and Neumann. Claim 35 has been canceled.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Allowability of claims 4-6, 8-10, 12-14, 19-21, 23-25, 27-29, and 37-45. These claims have been rewritten in independent form at the Examiner's suggestion, with claims 40 and 43 being canceled and their material being incorporated into claim 37.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, early allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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